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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE-GOT VIEWS ON PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

PASS AGRICULTURE

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1. GOT DELEGATION TO WFC IS STILL IN PROCESS REFINING ITS POSITION ON PROPOSALS SCHEDULED TO BE PRESENTED IN ROME. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A-7901 SO WE ARE NOT IN POSSESSION OF PRECISE WORDING OF RESOLUTIONS OUTLINED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, GOT DELEGATION APPEARS TO BE FORMULATING POSITION ESSENTIALLY IN LINE WITH U.S. VIEWS STATED REFTEL.

MEMBER OF GOT DELEGATION (SENER, DIRECTOR, FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS, MINAGRIC.) SUMMARIZED MAIN POINTS OF GOT POSITION AS SYMPATHETIC TO MOST OF PROPOSALS. ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION, DELEGATION WILL STRESS NEED FOR APPLIED RESEARCH FITTED TO ACTUAL CONDITIONS RURAL VILLAGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIES WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON DRY LAND FARMING. GOT CAN

SUPPORT ALL FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESOLUTION IV.

AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY PROGRAMS SHOULD BE PLACED ON A PAR WITH EDUCATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS IF NEED FOR INCREASES PRODUCTION IS TO RECEIVE REQUISITE EMPHASIS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. GOT WILL SUGGEST THAT PURSUIT OF "CHEAP-FOOD POLICY" HAMPERS PRODUCTION INCREASES AND TENDS "KILL GOOSE THAT LAYS GOLDEN EGGS."

DELEGATION WILL SUPPORT RESOLUTION ON FERTILIZERS BUT WILL QUESTION ADEQUACY AND AVAILABILITY OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT NECESSARY FOR NEEDED INCREASES IN OUTPUT. DOES NOT FAVOR IDEA OF SEPARATE ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE FERTILIZER PRODUCTION.

DELEGATION WILL NOTE HIGH LEVEL OF PER CAPITA CALORIC INTAKE IN TURKEY BUT WILL ACKNOWLEDGE EXISTENCE NUTRITIONAL PROBLEMS BASED ON INADEQUATE PROTEIN. PROTEIN DEFICIENCY SAID TO BE ESPECIALLY HARMFUL AGE GROUP 1 TO 7 YEARS. ACKNOWLEDGES THAT POPULATION POLICY IS ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT OVERALL POLICY. IN AREA OF FOOD INFORMATION SYSTEM GOT REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD BE PREPARED COOPERATE. IN ADDITION, MANY COUNTRIES HAVE WEAK DATA SYSTEMS AND NEED TECHNICAL AID IN THIS AREA, DELEGATION FEELS.

WITH
RESPECT TO FOOD SECURITY GOT DELEGATION WILL FAVOR ONE

IDEAS EXPRESSED IN RESOLUTIONS BUT WILL QUESTION NEED FOR SEPARATE ORGANIZATION TO MONITOR ACTIVITIES. WILL ALSO NOT NEED FOR INCREASED STORAGE FACILITIES WHICH MANY COUNTRIES FIND DIFFICULT TO FINANCE BOTH IN TERMS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND LOCAL CURRENCY COSTS.

DELEGATION AGREES THAT WFC NOT PROPER FORUM FOR DISCUSSION MARKET AND TRADE MATTERS. WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ADJUSTMENT GOT IS CONCERNED MOSTLY WITH PROBLEM OF GEARING ITS AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY TO REQUIREMENTS OF EEC MEMBERSHIP.

2. ABOVE IS BARE-BONES OF GOT POSITION PAPER IN PREPARATION. AGATT HAS BEEN PROMISED COPY WHEN FINISHED BUT WE DOUBT RECEIPT WILL BE IN TIME FOR TRANSMISSION PRIOR OPENING OF WFC.

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3. COMPOSITION GOT DELEGATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. KORKUT OZAL, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
2. ISMAEL SENER, DIRECTOR, FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS, MINAGRIC.
3. IZZAT BAYKAL, UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
4. ORHAN OZDURAL, ASST. UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
5. MEHMET AYDIN, GEN. DIR. OF FOOD AND NUTRITION

6. TANSUG BLEDA, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
7. ISMET AGAH, SPECIAL ADVISOR, MIN. OF AGRIC.
8. VOLKAN VURAL, SECTION DIRECTOR, MFA
9. CIHAT METE, GRAIN PURCHASING OFFICE, TMO

MINISTER OZAL HAS REQUESTED TIME FOR GOT PRESENTATION AFTERNOON
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